

Minnesota Labor Market Review

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May 1994 Data

Unemployment Reaches Lowest Level in 15 Years

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May is 3.5 percent, down from 4.2 percent in April and 5.2 percent a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is the lowest rate in the series going back to January 1978. Minnesota's rate is considerably lower than the national rate which was 6 percent in May, down from 6.4 percent in April and 6.9 percent a year ago. The unadjusted rate for Minnesota was 3 percent in May, down from 4.3 percent in April and 4.8 percent a year ago. This is the lowest unadjusted rate since November 1978. The corresponding national rates were 5.9 percent in May, 6.2 percent in April, and 6.7 percent a year ago.

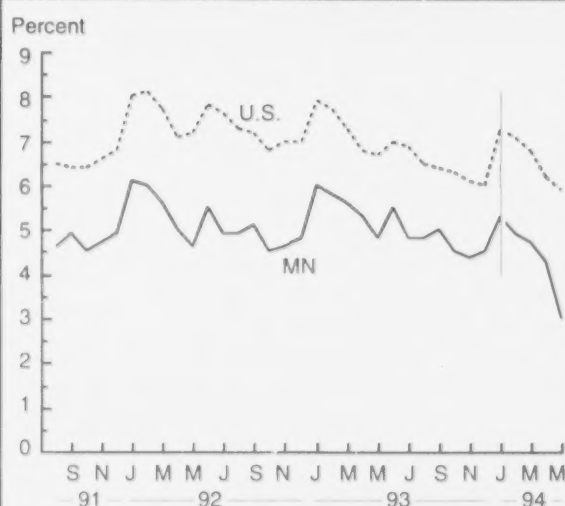
Every region of the state benefitted from the decline in unemployment with the average unemployment rates dropping between 0.6 to 3.3 percentage points from April to May. The highest average unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in the northeast region and the lowest average rate was 2.4 percent in the southwest region.

Among the counties, Clearwater County had the highest unemployment rate at 11.8 percent in May, down from 18.9 percent in April. The lowest May unemployment rate was in Houston County at 1.6 percent, down from 3.6 percent in April.

From a separate monthly survey of employers, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota is up 58,400 from a year ago. This is 20 percent greater than the 10-year average job increase from May to May. Minnesota's 2.6 percent increase from a year ago exceeds the 2.3 percent increase for the U.S.

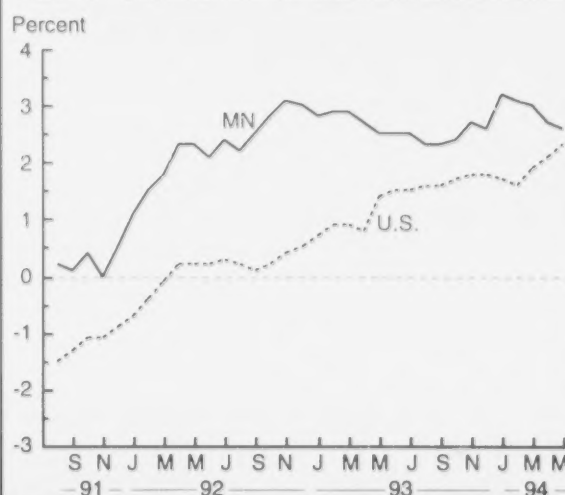
The greatest job gain among the industry sectors was in services where there was an increase of 24,500 over a year ago. The services areas with the greatest numbers of new jobs were business services, up 6,900; amusement and recreation services, up 4,600; and social services, up 3,400. The industry sector with the

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Starting in January 1994 the unemployment rate is based on new survey methodology.

Total Nonfarm Jobs: U.S. and MN Percent Change From Year Ago

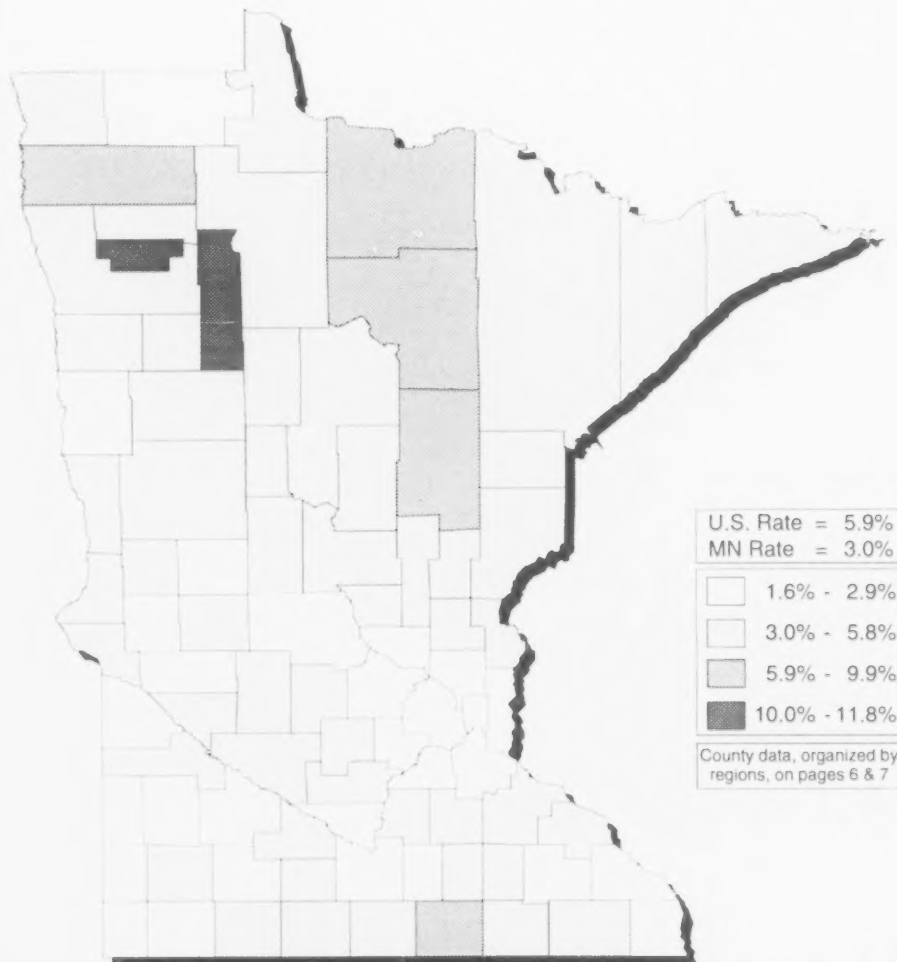


second largest gain in jobs (10,700) was trade, where growth occurred in many subindustry categories. Two other industry sectors with significant annual growth rates were construction with a 4.7 percent increase, up 3,800 jobs, and finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE) with a 3.7 percent increase, up 5,000 jobs.

Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

Minneapolis-St. Paul	Increase of 30,400 jobs or 2.1 percent
St. Cloud	Increase of 2,400 jobs or 3 percent
Rochester	Increase of 700 jobs or 1 percent
Duluth-Superior	Increase of 800 jobs or 0.8 percent

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
May 1994
(not seasonally adjusted)



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
						May 1994	May 1993	May 1994	May 1993	May 1994	May 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,312.1	2,285.2	2,253.8	1.2	2.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	500.0	488.0	491.4	2.5	1.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	7.8	7.4	7.9	5.0	-2.0	703.73	679.54	43.2	43.2	16.29	15.73
Metal Mining	5.8	5.7	6.1	0.4	-4.9	723.60	697.85	43.2	42.5	16.75	16.42
Construction	83.7	74.7	79.9	12.1	4.7	725.87	710.92	39.6	38.7	18.33	18.37
Manufacturing	408.6	406.0	403.6	0.7	1.3	509.59	496.13	40.8	40.7	12.49	12.19
Durable Goods	234.7	233.2	230.9	0.6	1.6	516.63	509.23	41.1	41.2	12.57	12.36
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	24.4	23.9	23.2	2.1	4.8	534.50	512.46	39.1	39.0	13.67	13.14
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	9.1	8.5	8.5	7.5	7.3	606.15	585.21	45.0	44.2	13.47	13.24
Primary Metals	6.4	6.4	6.0	0.6	6.6	556.56	529.15	42.1	41.6	13.22	12.72
Fabricated Metals	31.3	31.4	31.9	-0.5	-2.1	553.50	584.80	41.9	42.5	13.21	13.76
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	76.1	75.7	76.1	0.5	0.1	568.48	552.80	41.8	41.1	13.60	13.45
Computer and Office Equipment	30.4	30.1	31.3	0.8	-2.9	646.50	664.70	43.1	41.7	15.00	15.94
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	31.4	31.3	30.5	0.3	3.0	419.20	405.96	40.0	40.8	10.48	9.95
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.6	11.8	-0.2	6.4	491.26	505.47	40.6	42.8	12.10	11.81
Instruments and Related Products	34.1	34.1	34.6	0.0	-1.3	458.84	459.38	41.3	41.2	11.11	11.15
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.4	9.4	8.4	0.3	12.9	425.19	403.61	39.7	39.3	10.71	10.27
Nondurable Goods	173.9	172.7	172.6	0.7	0.7	500.15	479.60	40.4	40.1	12.38	11.96
Food and Beverage Products	48.0	47.5	49.8	1.0	-3.7	442.00	419.63	40.7	39.7	10.86	10.57
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.4	5.5	352.00	325.78	40.0	38.6	8.80	8.44
Paper and Allied Products	33.0	32.9	33.3	0.4	-0.7	627.48	613.20	41.2	42.0	15.23	14.60
Printing and Publishing	55.0	55.0	52.9	0.1	4.0	471.01	452.20	38.2	38.0	12.33	11.90
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.9	1.3	-0.2	742.56	678.47	44.2	44.2	16.80	15.35
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.8	19.6	18.9	1.3	5.1	457.18	454.43	41.6	41.5	10.99	10.95
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,812.1	1,797.2	1,762.4	0.8	2.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	110.0	108.4	109.8	1.5	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	75.7	74.2	75.6	2.0	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	27.6	26.6	27.7	3.8	-0.4	441.69	409.17	39.9	34.5	11.07	11.86
Communications and Utilities	34.3	34.2	34.2	0.4	0.3	664.27	675.51	37.7	38.1	17.62	17.73
Trade	548.9	543.4	538.3	1.0	2.0	283.15	273.42	29.9	29.4	9.47	9.30
Wholesale Trade	135.3	134.5	131.6	0.6	2.8	483.28	471.97	39.1	39.2	12.36	12.04
Retail Trade	413.6	408.9	406.7	1.1	1.7	222.49	215.46	27.1	26.6	8.21	8.10
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	18.8	18.0	18.4	4.6	2.4	373.33	367.43	34.6	34.5	10.79	10.65
General Merchandise Stores	55.0	55.2	55.2	-0.4	-0.3	223.96	225.62	28.1	29.0	7.97	7.78
Food Stores	56.0	55.3	55.8	1.2	0.3	248.12	255.83	27.6	28.3	8.99	9.04
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	46.6	46.2	44.3	0.9	5.3	348.70	355.12	34.8	36.8	10.02	9.65
Apparel and Accessories Stores	19.6	19.6	19.1	-0.3	2.2	155.67	144.91	23.2	21.5	6.71	6.74
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.8	16.8	15.9	0.0	6.0	290.44	311.85	30.8	31.5	9.43	9.90
Eating and Drinking Places	143.9	141.3	141.6	1.8	1.6	142.20	130.42	22.5	20.9	6.32	6.24
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	139.7	138.9	134.7	0.6	3.7	Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category. * Totals may not add because of rounding. ** Average earnings data are on a "gross" basis and are derived from reports of payroll for full-time and part-time production or non-supervisory workers. The payroll is reported before deductions of any kind. Bonuses, retroactive pay, tips, payment in kind and "fringe benefits" are excluded.					
Finance	63.5	63.4	60.6	0.3	4.9						
Insurance	53.2	53.1	51.3	0.2	3.7						
Real Estate	22.9	22.4	22.8	2.3	0.6						
Services	639.2	634.5	614.6	0.7	4.0						
Personal Services	24.3	25.0	24.1	-2.6	1.0						
Business Service	116.3	115.5	109.4	0.7	6.3						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.2	24.2	23.3	-0.2	3.7						
Health Services	184.2	184.2	182.5	0.0	1.0						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.2	47.1	46.3	0.1	1.9						
Hospitals	55.5	55.5	56.0	-0.2	-1.0						
Legal Services	16.3	16.3	16.2	-0.2	0.4						
Private Educational Services	36.2	36.5	35.7	-0.9	1.2						
Government	374.3	372.0	365.0	0.6	2.5						
Federal Government	34.3	34.1	33.7	0.5	1.9						
State Government	88.3	87.8	87.7	0.7	0.7						
State Government Education	50.3	49.9	50.1	0.7	0.4						
Local Government	251.6	250.1	243.6	0.6	3.3						
Local Government Education	139.1	138.5	133.9	0.4	3.9						

Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
						May 1994	May 1993	May 1994	May 1993	May 1994	May 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,487.3	1,474.6	1,456.9	0.9	2.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	317.1	311.2	314.9	1.9	0.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.0	2.3	827.08	823.40	46.0	46.0	17.98	17.90
Construction	49.8	45.3	49.6	9.9	0.5	774.62	769.35	38.5	38.2	20.12	20.14
Manufacturing	266.8	265.4	264.8	0.5	0.7	538.41	529.77	41.1	40.8	13.10	12.96
Durable Goods	154.8	153.9	154.9	0.6	-0.1	551.20	547.72	41.6	41.4	13.25	13.23
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	9.4	9.2	9.4	2.2	0.6	613.80	583.05	39.6	39.0	15.50	14.95
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	3.5	3.1	3.3	10.8	4.6	692.06	685.76	45.5	44.1	15.21	15.55
Primary Metals	4.9	4.8	4.6	0.9	5.9	580.22	540.58	43.3	42.2	13.40	12.81
Fabricated Metals	23.4	23.5	24.3	-0.8	-3.7	587.70	623.28	41.3	42.4	14.23	14.70
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	51.9	51.6	52.3	0.6	-0.7	589.06	579.92	41.6	41.1	14.16	14.11
Computer and Office Equipment	19.1	18.9	19.8	1.0	-3.8	656.10	679.70	40.5	40.1	16.20	16.95
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.6	19.5	18.4	0.6	6.6	435.34	418.82	41.9	40.9	10.39	10.24
Transportation Equipment	5.5	5.5	5.3	-1.2	2.6	635.66	639.58	40.8	42.3	15.58	15.12
Instruments and Related Products	30.7	30.6	31.4	0.2	-2.3	491.64	488.87	41.7	41.5	11.79	11.78
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	6.0	5.9	5.9	0.8	1.0	487.22	461.03	40.5	40.3	12.03	11.44
Nondurable Goods	112.0	111.5	109.9	0.4	1.9	522.45	504.86	40.5	40.1	12.90	12.59
Food and Beverage Products	19.3	19.2	19.2	0.5	0.7	504.18	520.80	42.8	43.4	12.78	12.00
Paper and Allied Products	26.0	26.0	26.1	0.1	-0.5	558.40	520.07	40.0	39.7	13.96	13.10
Printing and Publishing	39.3	39.2	37.8	0.1	3.7	486.03	455.08	38.3	36.7	12.69	12.40
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.6	11.5	11.4	0.9	2.1	762.40	729.53	44.9	45.2	16.98	16.14
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	12.8	12.6	12.5	1.4	2.4	465.76	461.73	41.0	41.3	11.36	11.18
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,170.2	1,163.4	1,142.0	0.6	2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	77.8	76.4	78.0	1.8	-0.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	56.1	54.7	56.3	2.4	-0.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	18.3	17.4	18.3	5.5	0.3	461.92	419.54	37.8	32.7	12.22	12.83
Communications and Utilities	21.7	21.7	21.7	0.1	-0.1	677.29	687.70	38.2	37.6	17.73	18.29
Trade	348.7	347.0	340.8	0.5	2.3	313.35	302.22	29.9	29.6	10.48	10.21
Wholesale Trade	88.9	88.5	86.6	0.5	2.6	532.29	519.92	38.6	38.8	13.79	13.40
Retail Trade	259.8	258.5	254.2	0.5	2.2	244.80	234.43	27.2	26.7	9.00	8.78
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	10.7	10.4	10.5	3.7	1.9	393.93	424.85	32.8	33.4	12.01	12.72
General Merchandise Stores	35.8	36.2	36.0	-1.0	-0.6	249.66	254.90	28.5	29.4	8.76	8.67
Food Stores	32.3	32.0	31.6	0.9	2.0	291.45	286.50	29.0	30.0	10.05	9.55
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	26.7	26.6	25.1	0.4	6.3	415.27	396.38	36.3	36.1	11.44	10.98
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.4	13.5	13.2	-0.7	1.5	165.13	150.08	24.5	22.5	6.74	6.67
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.5	11.6	10.8	-0.9	6.3	377.52	377.06	31.2	31.9	12.10	11.82
Eating and Drinking Places	92.4	91.5	90.9	1.0	1.6	153.85	144.63	22.2	20.9	6.93	6.92
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	110.7	110.2	106.4	0.4	4.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Finance	47.7	47.6	45.2	0.3	5.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Insurance	44.7	44.7	43.5	0.1	2.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Real Estate	18.3	18.0	17.7	1.6	3.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Services	420.6	419.2	407.4	0.3	3.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Personal Services	17.2	17.8	17.0	-3.2	1.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Business Services	96.6	96.3	92.6	0.3	4.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.6	17.7	17.2	-0.5	2.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Health Services	107.9	107.8	105.5	0.0	2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	25.6	25.6	25.2	-0.3	1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hospitals	33.2	33.3	33.5	-0.2	-0.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Legal Services	13.1	13.2	13.0	-0.1	0.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Private Educational Services	20.0	19.8	19.4	1.0	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Government	212.5	210.6	209.4	0.9	1.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Government	22.3	22.2	21.7	0.4	3.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government	59.7	59.4	57.8	0.4	3.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government Education	35.1	34.9	33.6	0.7	4.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government	130.4	128.9	129.9	1.2	0.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government Education	73.1	72.3	72.9	1.1	0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---

Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	80,280	79,270	77,929	1.3	3.0
Goods Producing	17,979	17,616	17,173	2.1	4.7
Construction and Mining	3,757	3,407	3,427	10.3	9.6
Manufacturing	14,222	14,209	13,746	0.1	3.5
Durable Goods	7,336	7,333	7,101	0.0	3.3
Nondurable Goods	6,886	6,876	6,645	0.1	3.6
Service Producing	62,301	61,654	60,756	1.0	2.5
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,804	2,754	2,770	1.8	1.2
Trade	23,929	23,694	23,448	1.0	2.1
Wholesale Trade	4,209	4,193	4,096	0.4	2.8
Retail Trade	19,720	19,501	19,352	1.1	1.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,402	2,364	2,326	1.6	3.3
Services	19,765	19,552	19,190	1.1	3.0
Health Services	5,829	5,802	5,872	0.5	-0.7
Other Services	13,936	13,750	13,318	1.4	4.6
Government	13,401	13,290	13,022	0.8	2.9

Metro Areas Continue Moderate Growth in May

- ✱ The **Twin Cities** area added 30,400 jobs over the past year, a 2.1 percent increase. The largest gain was in services, with a 3.2 percent increase (13,200 jobs). Trade and finance, insurance and real estate were up by 7,900 and 4,300 jobs respectively, from May 1993.
- ✱ The **St. Cloud** area regains the lead among the metropolitan areas in growth rate this month, with a rate of 3.0 percent over the year (2,350 jobs). Strong job gains were registered in all major industry groups compared to May 1993.

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	70,103	69,612	69,421	0.7	1.0
Goods Producing	13,321	13,121	14,346	1.5	-7.1
Construction and Mining	2,302	2,065	2,390	11.5	-3.7
Manufacturing	11,019	11,056	11,956	-0.3	-7.8
Durable Goods	9,017	9,061	10,048	-0.5	-10.3
Nondurable Goods	2,002	1,995	1,908	0.4	4.9
Service Producing	56,782	56,491	55,075	0.5	3.1
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	1,986	1,986	2,002	0.0	-0.8
Trade	14,988	14,820	14,018	1.1	6.9
Wholesale Trade	1,824	1,771	1,829	3.0	-0.3
Retail Trade	13,164	13,049	12,189	0.9	8.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,928	1,907	1,861	1.1	3.6
Services	30,411	30,363	29,929	0.2	1.6
Health Services	19,497	19,603	19,843	-0.5	-1.7
Other Services	10,914	10,760	10,086	1.4	8.2
Government	7,469	7,415	7,265	0.7	2.8

- ✱ In the **Rochester** area the decrease in manufacturing employment over the year (-940 jobs) was offset by strong gains in trade (970 jobs). Also, a loss in health services (-350 jobs) was balanced by a gain in services (480 jobs) over the year.
- ✱ The **Duluth-Superior** area increased by 0.8 percent in total nonagricultural jobs since May 1993 (1,400 jobs). Mining, construction and manufacturing each gained over 200 new jobs, while transportation lost 250 jobs since last May.

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	Apr 1994	May 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	52,385	51,825	52,023	1.1	0.7	101,325	99,936	100,544	1.4	0.8
Goods Producing	4,894	4,785	5,069	2.3	-3.5	17,117	16,687	16,348	2.6	4.7
Mining	Combined with construction					5,224	5,199	4,998	0.5	4.5
Construction	1,596	1,462	1,635	9.2	-2.4	3,612	3,200	3,338	12.9	8.2
Manufacturing	3,298	3,323	3,434	-0.8	-4.0	8,281	8,288	8,012	-0.1	3.4
Durable Goods	1,224	1,236	1,339	-1.0	-8.6	4,449	4,461	4,373	-0.3	1.7
Nondurable Goods	2,074	2,087	2,095	-0.6	-1.0	3,832	3,827	3,639	0.1	5.3
Service Producing	47,491	47,040	46,954	1.0	1.1	84,208	83,249	84,196	1.2	0.0
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	3,179	3,108	3,172	2.3	0.2	5,900	5,754	6,142	2.5	-3.9
Trade	13,011	12,765	12,857	1.9	1.2	25,751	25,318	25,784	1.7	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	2,095	2,075	1,983	1.0	5.6	4,131	4,070	4,122	1.5	0.2
Retail Trade	10,916	10,690	10,874	2.1	0.4	21,620	21,248	21,662	1.8	-0.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,289	2,271	2,252	0.8	1.6	3,464	3,452	3,452	0.3	0.3
Services	16,451	16,551	16,431	-0.6	0.1	27,188	26,973	27,220	0.8	-0.1
Health Services	7,201	7,172	7,041	0.4	2.3	11,247	11,233	11,197	0.1	0.4
Other Services	9,250	9,379	9,390	-1.4	-1.5	15,941	15,740	16,023	1.3	-0.5
Government	12,561	12,345	12,242	1.7	2.6	21,905	21,752	21,598	0.7	1.4

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	130,774	130,747	128,075	122,872	122,338	119,180	7,902	8,408	8,895	6.0	6.4	6.9
(Unadjusted)	130,602	129,682	127,807	122,946	121,604	119,201	7,656	8,078	8,606	5.9	6.2	6.7
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,593,588	2,562,910	2,460,897	2,503,621	2,455,325	2,332,376	89,967	107,585	128,521	3.5	4.2	5.2
(Unadjusted)	2,580,909	2,555,309	2,448,209	2,502,760	2,446,202	2,331,536	78,149	109,107	116,673	3.0	4.3	4.8
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,577,657	1,572,014	1,494,484	1,537,727	1,519,460	1,431,265	39,930	52,554	63,219	2.5	3.3	4.2
Duluth-Superior MSA	118,331	119,417	115,452	112,184	110,671	106,931	6,147	8,746	8,521	5.2	7.3	7.4
St. Cloud MSA	92,275	90,792	86,501	89,592	86,908	82,690	2,683	3,884	3,811	2.9	4.3	4.4
Rochester MSA	66,864	66,640	62,677	65,126	64,248	60,776	1,738	2,392	1,901	2.6	3.6	3.0
Region 1	51,077	50,374	48,487	48,689	46,908	45,374	2,388	3,466	3,113	4.7	6.9	6.4
Kittson	2,582	2,508	2,533	2,455	2,322	2,384	127	186	149	4.9	7.4	5.9
Marshall	4,824	4,700	4,840	4,455	4,127	4,323	369	573	517	7.6	12.2	10.7
Norman	3,676	3,548	3,627	3,520	3,300	3,376	156	248	251	4.2	7.0	6.9
Pennington	7,748	7,527	7,180	7,386	7,030	6,671	362	497	509	4.7	6.6	7.1
Polk	21,772	21,950	20,179	20,840	20,628	19,099	932	1,322	1,080	4.3	6.0	5.4
Red Lake	2,200	2,188	2,093	1,949	1,842	1,827	251	346	266	11.4	15.8	12.7
Roseau	8,275	7,953	8,035	8,084	7,659	7,694	191	294	341	2.3	3.7	4.2
Region 2	34,528	33,749	33,141	32,552	30,669	30,464	1,976	3,080	2,677	5.7	9.1	8.1
Beltrami	17,621	17,131	16,928	16,756	15,814	15,698	865	1,317	1,230	4.9	7.7	7.3
Clearwater	3,821	3,798	3,822	3,371	3,079	3,260	450	719	562	11.8	18.9	14.7
Hubbard	7,406	7,268	7,056	6,991	6,597	6,549	415	671	507	5.6	9.2	7.2
Lake of the Woods	2,270	2,203	2,179	2,180	2,065	2,075	90	138	104	4.0	6.3	4.8
Mahnomen	3,410	3,349	3,156	3,254	3,114	2,882	156	235	274	4.6	7.0	8.7
Region 3	152,540	153,094	149,157	143,612	140,366	136,712	8,928	12,728	12,445	5.9	8.3	8.3
Aitkin	5,712	5,593	5,544	5,307	4,910	4,910	405	683	634	7.1	12.2	11.4
Carlton	15,824	16,055	15,196	14,952	14,800	14,042	872	1,255	1,154	5.5	7.8	7.6
Cook	2,714	2,645	2,551	2,588	2,444	2,407	126	201	144	4.6	7.6	5.6
Itasca	19,005	18,919	19,019	17,128	16,460	16,962	1,877	2,459	2,057	9.9	13.0	10.8
Koochiching	6,366	6,356	6,519	5,832	5,586	5,701	534	770	818	8.4	12.1	12.5
Lake	5,314	5,327	5,260	5,053	4,903	4,784	261	424	476	4.9	8.0	9.0
St. Louis	97,605	98,199	95,068	92,752	91,263	87,906	4,853	6,936	7,162	5.0	7.1	7.5
City of Duluth	43,167	43,083	41,781	41,256	40,594	39,101	1,911	2,489	2,680	4.4	5.8	6.4
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	54,438	55,116	53,287	51,496	50,669	48,805	2,942	4,447	4,482	5.4	8.1	8.4
Region 4	104,638	101,868	99,291	101,169	96,296	93,888	3,469	5,572	5,403	3.3	5.5	5.4
Becker	12,938	12,530	12,580	12,261	11,475	11,303	677	1,055	1,277	5.2	8.4	10.2
Clay	29,067	29,212	27,704	28,300	27,826	26,665	767	1,386	1,039	2.6	4.7	3.8
Douglas	15,877	15,282	14,883	15,412	14,622	14,118	465	660	765	2.9	4.3	5.1
Grant	3,312	3,132	2,961	3,213	2,966	2,828	99	166	133	3.0	5.3	4.5
Otter Tail	26,751	25,618	25,328	25,865	24,111	23,739	886	1,507	1,589	3.3	5.9	6.3
Pope	5,298	5,054	5,192	5,109	4,765	4,939	189	289	253	3.6	5.7	4.9
Stevens	5,617	5,347	5,281	5,455	5,142	5,127	162	205	154	2.9	3.8	2.9
Traverse	1,880	1,801	1,800	1,812	1,702	1,724	68	99	76	3.6	5.5	4.2
Wilkin	3,898	3,892	3,562	3,742	3,687	3,445	156	205	117	4.0	5.3	3.3
Region 5	69,450	66,534	65,012	66,334	61,514	60,661	3,116	5,020	4,351	4.5	7.5	6.7
Cass	11,260	10,641	10,417	10,675	9,726	9,601	585	915	816	5.2	8.6	7.8
Crow Wing	26,397	24,821	24,277	25,304	23,052	22,756	1,093	1,769	1,521	4.1	7.1	6.3
Morrison	14,988	14,652	14,308	14,221	13,476	13,251	767	1,176	1,057	5.1	8.0	7.4
Todd	10,704	10,379	10,289	10,261	9,607	9,621	443	772	668	4.1	7.4	6.5
Wadena	6,101	6,041	5,721	5,873	5,653	5,432	228	388	289	3.7	6.4	5.1
Region 6E	59,319	57,819	56,398	57,281	54,919	53,436	2,038	2,900	2,962	3.4	5.0	5.3
Kandiyohi	20,577	20,092	19,320	19,951	19,177	18,453	626	915	867	3.0	4.6	4.5
McLeod	19,940	19,379	18,867	19,317	18,600	17,936	623	779	931	3.1	4.0	4.9
Meeker	9,702	9,594	9,216	9,301	8,905	8,579	401	689	637	4.1	7.2	6.9
Renville	9,100	8,754	8,995	8,712	8,237	8,468	388	517	527	4.3	5.9	5.9
Region 6W	25,963	25,075	23,991	25,170	23,829	22,979	793	1,246	1,012	3.1	5.0	4.2
Big Stone	2,789	2,677	2,784	2,705	2,517	2,656	84	160	128	3.0	6.0	4.6
Chippewa	6,940	6,779	6,311	6,709	6,424	6,037	231	355	274	3.3	5.2	4.3
Lac Qui Parle	4,087	3,958	3,908	3,986	3,807	3,755	101	151	153	2.5	3.8	3.9
Swift	5,607	5,402	5,047	5,452	5,158	4,843	155	244	204	2.8	4.5	4.0
Yellow Medicine	6,540	6,259	5,941	6,318	5,923	5,688	222	336	253	3.4	5.4	4.3

*Note: State, regional and local estimates from past months (shown in tables on pages 6 and 7) may be revised from figures previously published.

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993	May 1994	Apr 1994	May 1993
Region 7E	60,762	60,645	58,158	58,192	56,308	54,089	2,570	4,337	4,069	4.2	7.2	7.0
Chisago	16,820	17,093	16,039	16,206	16,006	15,068	614	1,087	971	3.7	6.4	6.1
Isanti	13,897	14,088	13,304	13,455	13,289	12,511	442	799	793	3.2	5.7	6.0
Kanabec	7,015	6,972	6,964	6,613	6,298	6,271	402	674	693	5.7	9.7	10.0
Mille Lacs	10,200	9,912	10,023	9,735	9,197	9,360	465	715	663	4.6	7.2	6.6
Pine	12,830	12,580	11,828	12,183	11,518	10,879	647	1,062	949	5.0	8.4	8.0
Region 7W	157,728	157,053	148,775	153,175	149,706	141,811	4,553	7,347	6,964	2.9	4.7	4.7
Benton	19,062	18,773	17,902	18,455	17,902	17,033	607	871	869	3.2	4.6	4.9
Sherburne	25,080	25,325	23,933	24,387	24,086	22,676	693	1,239	1,257	2.8	4.9	5.3
Stearns	73,213	72,019	68,599	71,137	69,006	65,657	2,076	3,013	2,942	2.8	4.2	4.3
Wright	40,373	40,936	38,341	39,196	38,712	36,445	1,177	2,224	1,896	2.9	5.4	4.9
Region 8	66,109	63,694	62,366	64,510	61,312	60,046	1,599	2,382	2,320	2.4	3.7	3.7
Cottonwood	6,643	6,313	6,068	6,449	6,062	5,823	194	251	245	2.9	4.0	4.0
Jackson	6,045	5,747	5,616	5,855	5,484	5,401	190	263	215	3.1	4.6	3.8
Lincoln	3,431	3,212	3,180	3,341	3,054	3,065	90	158	115	2.6	4.9	3.6
Lyon	15,603	15,250	14,841	15,308	14,762	14,409	295	488	432	1.9	3.2	2.9
Murray	4,652	4,379	4,485	4,510	4,147	4,301	142	232	184	3.1	5.3	4.1
Nobles	10,287	10,134	9,881	10,068	9,816	9,523	219	318	358	2.1	3.1	3.6
Pipestone	5,171	4,994	4,880	5,041	4,789	4,632	130	205	248	2.5	4.1	5.1
Redwood	9,140	8,777	8,656	8,918	8,465	8,282	222	312	374	2.4	3.6	4.3
Rock	5,137	4,888	4,759	5,020	4,733	4,610	117	155	149	2.3	3.2	3.1
Region 9	120,102	117,671	114,998	116,650	112,706	109,457	3,452	4,965	5,541	2.9	4.2	4.8
Blue Earth	33,083	32,468	31,113	32,448	31,588	30,011	635	880	1,102	1.9	2.7	3.5
Brown	14,704	14,396	14,039	14,197	13,757	13,353	507	639	686	3.4	4.4	4.9
Fanbault	8,235	7,994	8,049	7,945	7,549	7,501	290	445	548	3.5	5.6	6.8
Le Sueur	13,501	13,468	12,745	12,999	12,654	12,022	502	814	723	3.7	6.0	5.7
Martin	11,074	10,845	11,282	10,675	10,280	10,440	399	565	842	3.6	5.2	7.5
Nicollet	17,794	17,462	16,675	17,474	17,011	16,162	320	451	513	1.8	2.6	3.1
Sibley	6,811	6,533	6,553	6,517	6,083	6,143	294	450	410	4.3	6.9	6.3
Waseca	8,779	8,641	8,698	8,524	8,254	8,217	255	387	481	2.9	4.5	5.5
Watsonwan	6,121	5,864	5,844	5,871	5,530	5,608	250	334	236	4.1	5.7	4.0
Region 10	245,485	242,036	232,856	237,828	231,302	223,092	7,657	10,734	9,764	3.1	4.4	4.2
Dodge	9,518	9,002	8,843	9,149	8,421	8,324	369	581	519	3.9	6.5	5.9
Fillmore	10,421	10,084	10,112	10,052	9,472	9,611	369	612	501	3.5	6.1	5.0
Freeborn	16,916	17,036	17,099	15,864	15,605	16,125	1,052	1,431	974	6.2	8.4	5.7
Goodhue	24,791	24,252	23,183	24,035	23,280	22,260	756	972	923	3.0	4.0	4.0
Houston	10,587	10,503	10,225	10,413	10,122	9,824	174	381	401	1.6	3.6	3.9
Mower	19,336	18,939	18,315	18,736	18,175	17,570	600	764	745	3.1	4.0	4.1
Olmsted	66,864	66,640	62,677	65,126	64,248	60,776	1,738	2,392	1,901	2.6	3.6	3.0
City of Rochester	44,860	44,649	42,103	43,595	43,007	40,683	1,265	1,642	1,420	2.8	3.7	3.4
Rice	28,576	28,231	27,449	27,623	26,880	25,950	953	1,351	1,499	3.3	4.8	5.5
Steele	18,201	17,851	16,948	17,630	17,135	16,253	571	716	695	3.1	4.0	4.1
Wabasha	11,438	11,184	10,714	11,079	10,658	10,231	359	526	483	3.1	4.7	4.5
Winona	28,837	28,314	27,291	28,121	27,306	26,168	716	1,008	1,123	2.5	3.6	4.1
Region 11	1,433,209	1,425,694	1,355,576	1,397,598	1,380,365	1,299,528	35,611	45,329	56,048	2.5	3.2	4.1
Anoka	158,797	158,480	150,705	154,341	152,438	143,511	4,456	6,042	7,194	2.8	3.8	4.8
Carver	31,516	31,435	29,732	30,871	30,491	28,705	645	944	1,027	2.0	3.0	3.5
Dakota	184,552	183,575	174,042	180,338	178,114	167,683	4,214	5,461	6,359	2.3	3.0	3.7
Hennepin	645,453	641,381	610,955	629,384	621,623	585,220	16,069	19,758	25,735	2.5	3.1	4.2
City of Bloomington	57,010	56,575	53,844	55,824	55,136	51,907	1,186	1,439	1,937	2.1	2.5	3.6
City of Minneapolis	213,283	212,105	202,130	206,976	204,424	192,453	6,307	7,681	9,677	3.0	3.6	4.8
Ramsey	282,896	281,098	267,196	275,661	272,261	256,318	7,235	8,837	10,878	2.6	3.1	4.1
City of St. Paul	148,070	147,234	140,257	143,533	141,763	133,461	4,537	5,471	6,796	3.1	3.7	4.8
Scott	36,999	37,013	35,096	36,140	35,695	33,604	859	1,318	1,492	2.3	3.6	4.3
Washington	92,996	92,712	87,850	90,863	89,743	84,487	2,133	2,969	3,363	2.3	3.2	3.8

*Note: Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Sherburne County and Pierce County in Wisconsin.
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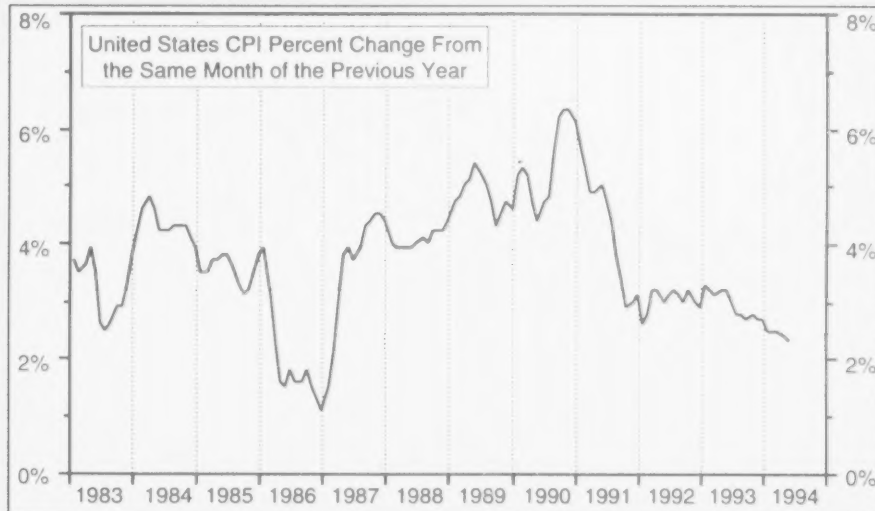
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U.S. CPI % Change From One Year Ago

1993	
May	3.2
Jun	3.0
Jul	2.8
Aug	2.8
Sep	2.7
Oct	2.8
Nov	2.7
Dec	2.7
Annual Average	3.0
1994	
Jan	2.5
Feb	2.5
Mar	2.5
Apr	2.4
May	2.3

The U.S. CPI gauges changes in the cost of living over time and is issued monthly. The broadest measure (CPI-U), covering all urban dwellers, is published here. There is another index (CPI-W) that tracks prices for just wage earners. Twin Cities price indexes are collected semi-annually but considered less reliable than the U.S. data for tracking local price changes. More detail is available on U.S. and Twin Cities price indexes by calling: (612) 296-6545.

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